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Kansas activists protest cuts to taxes, education funding



Ian Huyett
staff writer

Over 150 protestors gathered in Topeka on Saturday for a rally on the State Capitol's south steps. A coalition of activist groups, including the American Federation of Teachers and the Kansas Equality Coalition, were represented at the event. "We had people for immigration, people against the war on women, and people with disabilities" said Bill Glover,

photo courtesy of The American Federation of Teachers

Lisa Ochs, president of the Kansas chapter of the American Federation of Teachers speaks to supporters on Saturday in Topeka.

president of K-State's chapter of the American Federation of Teachers.

Although protestors voiced an array of concerns, the general theme at the "Stand Up, Fight Back!" rally was that Kansas' state legislature has gone too far in cutting taxes and spending.

"The Senate wants to let the sales tax expire," Glover said. "If it did, there would be a four percent cut to higher education."

Moreover, said Glover, Governor Brownback is threatening to eliminate the state's income tax entirely.

"We can't afford these cuts," he said. "It's a hole we'll never recover from."

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International news briefs

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

Manhattan doctor pleads not guilty in charges stemming from alleged pill mill

According to a Kansas First News article by Cristina Frank, Dr. Michael Schuster, 53, of Manhattan, pleaded not guilty Tuesday to four federal charges, including illegally distributing prescription drugs out of his Manhattan medical clinic.

Schuster is accused of operating a pill mill from the Manhattan Pain and Spine clinic where he practiced dating back to April of 2007. Prosecutors are seeking forfeiture of money and property. A detention hearing for Schuster will be held Thursday.

Ariel Castro charged in Cleveland abductions; brothers to be charged on outstanding misdemeanor

The Cleveland Police Department has charged Ariel Castro with four counts of kidnapping and three counts of rape after three women escaped from ten years of alleged captivity in his home, according to the Cleveland Plain-Dealer. The three women vanished separately within blocks of the home a decade ago while in their teens and early 20s. The kidnapping charges also include the 6-year-old child found in the home, believed to be the daughter of one of the women.

Pedro and Onil Castro, brothers of Ariel who were also arrested yesterday, will not be charged in the abductions but have existing warrants for misdemeanors, which will be heard Thursday.

According to the Plain-Dealer, the women did not leave the property, situated in a neighborhood near a gas station and grocery store, for the entire 10-year duration of their captivity. There is no evidence to show that the women knew Castro before being abducted.

Jodi Arias found guilty of murder

An Arizona jury found Jodi Arias guilty of first-degree murder Wednesday in the death of her ex-boyfriend Travis Alexander, according to a CNN article by Catherine Shoichet.

Jurors will return to the courtroom Thursday for the aggravation phase of the trial in which the court will determine whether Alexander's death was caused in a cruel manner. Alexander, who was found dead five years ago, suffered numerous stab wounds, a slit throat and a gunshot to the head.

After the aggravation phase, the trial will move to the penalty phase in which jurors will decide whether Arias will face the death penalty. Arias claimed she killed Alexander in self-defense after he attacked her.

CNN said that if the jury decides against sentencing Arias to death, the judge would be faced with the decision of sentencing her to life in prison without parole or life in prison with the possibility of parole after 25 years.

Death toll in Bangladesh factory collapse tops 800

According to the BBC, the army in Bangladesh has said that 804 people have been confirmed dead in the collapse of a factory outside the capital city of Dhaka in late April. Crews are continuing to search the rubble for more bodies. Several people, including the owner of the building, have been arrested.

Since the disaster two weeks ago, 18 textile plants have ceased operations due to safety precautions. The collapse occurred after the building was evacuated when someone noticed cracks in the structure, but laborers were ordered to return to work.

Dennis Rodman asks Kim Jong Un to release American prisoner

According to CNN, former basketball star Dennis Rodman reached out to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, who has issued increasingly dire threats to South Korea and the United States since succeeding his late father, in an attempt to convince him to let U.S. citizen Kenneth Bae go.

Bae, who was convicted of "hostile acts" in a North Korean court, is sentenced to 15 years of hard labor.

Rodman, famous for his eccentric behavior over a 14-year, Hall of Fame career with four NBA teams, declared himself a "friend for life" to the North Korean leader, whom he visited in Pyongyang in February. Rodman tweeted to Kim Wednesday imploring him to "do [him] a solid" and release Bae.

Rodman clarified in a subsequent tweet that he was not an official diplomat between the U.S. and North Korea.

Researcher reflects on diversity in sports

Jordan Edwards
contributing writer

Albert Bimper Jr., assistant professor of special education, counseling and student affairs, researches race and diversity issues in sports as well as the experiences of student athletes in higher education. His goal is to discover how the experiences of student athletes, particularly non-white student athletes, can be enhanced to improve their education and increase graduation rates.

Bimper said his passion in the areas of sports, education and social justice stems from his own experiences as a former collegiate student athlete playing football at Colorado State and professionally for the Indianapolis Colts.

"I was a student athlete, and I played professionally. I wanted to think deeper about the experiences that I had and use that for a bigger cause," he said.

Bimper said he is looking for ways to better understand the experiences of student athletes of color at K-State in order to enhance the experiences of future students, ultimately leading to higher graduation rates and more success. Currently, K-State leads the Big 12 in student athlete graduation rates and has for the past four years. Additionally, the K-State football team had 11 Academic All-Americans this past season. Senior guard Rodney McGruder of the men's basketball team was also an Academic All-American.

"We have to account for cultural differences so that when student athletes come to an environment like K-State, that we are attending to their needs so that we can better their experiences as they head toward graduation day," Bimper said. "We want student athletes to graduate and be successful citizens after graduation."

Kyle Colnar, sophomore in accounting, said it may be tough for student athletes who are from different cultural backgrounds.

"I think that it might be tough for someone with a different cultural background, such as someone from a large city, to socially integrate with people at a place like K-State just because their way of life and views might be different," Colnar said. "But I think K-State is a good place to come, because I feel that people can come from all over the world to study here and feel comfortable and accepted."

The potential difficulties that Colnar mentions are exactly why Bimper is researching this issue. Bimper said his qualitative research has shed light on the challenges that some student athletes of color face and that he plans on using his findings to help understand how the issues can be addressed and changes implemented.

Bimper said he believes that athletics are a perfect means to look into and act on these types of cultural issues.

"I think that college sports are on a platform and can speak to a lot of these cultural issues that can move our country further along in terms of progress," Bimper said. "It can unite people that maybe otherwise wouldn't ever speak to each other. Sports are just one avenue that can bring these kind of conversations to light for us to think about and consider."

Bimper also said that athletics can play a large role because many people have heroes within the realm of sports.



"We all have heroes in sports, and some of our heroes are black, white or whatever, and so we can use those heroes to really shed light on the experiences of students on campus and some of the issues that are happening there, so we can bring those conversations out in different areas," Bimper said.

Ashia Woods, sophomore guard on the K-State women's basketball team, said her experience as a student athlete has been difficult but also very beneficial.

"I think playing a sport can be hard, but at the same time it can definitely help," Woods said. "It just depends on how you use your resources and how much effort you put into it."

Bimper said he strives to be a helpful resource for athletes like Woods. He explained that he knows that these issues are sometimes hard to address but emphasized that they do need to be considered. He added that it takes certain characteristics to bring a conversation of this nature to light.

"My interest in it is this: using the vehicle of sports to bring a unique perspective to those conversations, to those 'courageous conversations' I like to call them," Bimper said.

Bimper explained that he wants to be a part of the bigger picture, bringing positive change to race and diversity issues.

"We're all in this together, but for us to really move forward, we have to celebrate our differences a



Parker Robb | Collegian

little bit so that we can understand how we can really work with student athletes if they come from a different area or if they have different cultural backgrounds," Bimper said. "We have to account for those issues if we're going to be able to work collaboratively as an athletic department or as a university."

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

TOP: Senior forward Rodney McGruder gestures to the Big XII Champion trophy that he and the Wildcat men's basketball team won at the end of the regular season during the pep rally at Bramlage Coliseum March 11. McGruder was an Academic All-American this year.

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ABOVE: Quarterback Collin Klein, a three time Academic All-Big 12 honoree, and linebacker Arthur Brown accept the Big 12 Trophy.

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ARREST REPORTS

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Daniel Jonathan Elmore,

of the 1100 block of Wharton Manor Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,050.

Alyssa Dawn Jones,

of Westmoreland, Kan., was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Jeffrey Alan Hughes,

of the 800 block of Yuma Street, was booked for felony theft. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Kyle William Andrews,

of the 1400 block of Hillcrest Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Blake Charles Lagabed,

of the 700 block of Juliette Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Alvin James Mason,

of the 700 block of Marlatt Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Wednesday, May 8

Joseph Daniel Vizcaino,

of West Hall, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Manuel Antonio Rivera,

of the 3100 block of Winston Place, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

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For The Win | By Parker Wilhelm

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Sporting KC mistakes lead to last minute goal

Kelly McHugh
staff writer

Just like the last time the two teams faced off, the energy was high at last night's match between Sporting Kansas City and the Seattle Sounders at Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kan.

But unlike the last match at Sporting Park, it was the Sounders who finished on top, beating Sporting Kansas City 1-0 off of a final minute goal by Sounders forward Djimi Traore.

"It was like jumping in an ice bath," said Jimmy Nielson, Sporting KC goalkeeper and captain. "I was like, what's going on here? I think we played a pretty good game. It was an intense game and I think that everybody did a great job, but we just need to better, to finish the game well. We can't give up a goal like that. Very, very disappointed."

On Aug. 8, 2012, Sporting KC played the Sounders for the 2012 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup final. It was a game that went into penalty kicks and finished with flare as Sounders forward Eddie Johnson, who formerly played for Kansas City, sent the ball



SKC Goalie Jimmy Nielson let a late goal slip by Wednesday night at Sporting Park. Sporting lost 1-0 to the Seattle Sounders, who they beat in overtime to win the 2012 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup last year.

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Soundoff: Most impressive performance by K-State athlete this year



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Senior guard Rodney McGruder pushes by Kansas players as he heads to the basket at Allen Fieldhouse on Feb. 11. McGruder had one of K-State sports' best performances this year.

Many K-State athletes put on great performances this past sports season. Here is a look at two of the most impressive who stuck out to members of the sports staff.

In a year in which both the foot-



ball and men's basketball teams won Big 12 championships, there are going to be a number of games where an individual stands out.

On Jan. 5, the Wildcat men's basketball team opened up their Big 12 season against the No. 22 Oklahoma State Cowboys, who looked like a prime contender for the Big 12 title during their non-conference schedule. The game was during winter break and

was also two days after the football team played in the Fiesta Bowl. Why is that relevant? Because this had an effect on the crowd at Bramlage Coliseum. For a game of this magnitude, the Wildcats opened their Big 12 season in front of a merely average crowd.

To start the game, senior guard Rodney McGruder's only points came off of a dunk mid way through the first half. With the Wildcats trailing the Cowboys 32-30 at halftime, McGruder was 1-6 from the field, McGruder knew he had to come out in the second half looking to be more aggressive. He did just that. What happened next was one of the best performances of his impressive career at as Wildcat.

McGruder shot 10-13 from the field in the second half, finishing the game with 28 points, 26 of which came in that second half. McGruder went a perfect five for five from behind the arc, which included tough shots off of the dribble and routine jump shots.

McGruder simply could not be stopped. With a final stat line that read 28 points, five rebounds, and a pair of assists and steals, McGruder willed the Wildcats to a tough win. This win not only put McGruder's name among some of the top players in the country, but also showed the Big 12 that the Wildcats were a top team in the conference.



Any time you set a school record, that is a major accomplishment. That is just what senior guard Brittany Chambers did when she poured in 42 points in the first round of the WNIT against Texas Southern. For a team that was under-manned and always

the smaller team, the grit and determination that Chambers showed in guiding her team was truly incredible.

Chambers led the team with 21 points and 7.6 rebounds. In most games, the opposing coaches' number one emphasis was not allowing Chambers to score. Not only did Chambers score a lot of points, she did it on a very consistent basis, shooting 43 percent from the field, including 38 percent from the 3-point line.

Chambers was terrific all season as she helped guide the Wildcats to the Final Four of the WNIT and 19 wins on the season. However, on that March 21 night in Bramlage, she put on the greatest performance in Wildcat women's basketball history.

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Student relationships can survive summer separation

Katie Watkins
contributing writer

As the semester comes to an end and students pack up and get ready to head elsewhere for the summer months, it can mark the beginning of long-distance relationships for some K-State students.

The common stereotype says that long-distance relationships don't work out, and it's no secret that they can be difficult. But as students from across the world gather in Manhattan, they are bound to happen. With the emergence of new technology and the right mindset, attitude and facts, many couples can make it through the summer months apart.

One of the cardinal rules of long-distance relationships is communication, said Dorinda Lambert, director of counseling services.

"The biggest mistake that couples make is that they do not communicate what their expectations are and that they begin to make assumptions about each other," Lambert said. "The assumptions are usually that they will only be thinking about each other while they are gone and that they won't have any social activities while they are away from each other."

A lack of communication can doom a relationship from the start, especially when distance added to the equation, Lambert said.

"Couples who lack that right mindset and expectations usually jump immediately into conclusions about unfaithfulness," Lambert said. "Be clear what your expectations are during the summer and when you get back to campus."

Setting expectations for each other will lay the foundation of the

relationship for the next couple months. Expectations could include anything from how often the couple will communicate to what kinds of interactions are appropriate with the opposite sex.

When there is a lack of physical contact, the communication aspect of the relationship becomes more important, said Stephanie Iszory, junior in biology.

"Try and keep in contact even if it's just texting or mailing a letter to each other. It's the small things we do to still make each other feel special," Iszory said.

Iszory has been in a long distance relationship with her boyfriend for the past year. She is currently living in Manhattan while he attends law school in Chicago.

Calling and texting keeps them feeling close, Iszory said, adding that doing small, romantic things can help couples feel connected when miles apart.

"He'll order me Jimmy John's if he knows that I missed dinner or send me flowers if I've had a rough week," Iszory said.

There are many small things couples can still do together even though they are apart, such as watching TV shows or movies together at the same time, ordering each other flowers or food, writing love letters or reading a book together.

"Long distance relationships require creativity as a couple," Lambert said. "Communicate what you two like and do not like to do."

And of course creativity is made a little easier with the abundance of social media. E-mail, video messages, Facebook and Twitter are just a few ways couples can stay connected when the physical aspect of the relationship is not possible.



Katie Harrison, freshman in secondary education and English, Skypes with her boyfriend Ryan Luder, freshman at Worcester Polytechnic Institute located in Massachusetts, on Wednesday.

Another important factor of long distance relationships to consider is the fact that both partners will have separate social lives for the summer.

"Being apart this year has proven that we can both be independent and lead separate social lives without growing apart," Iszory said. "We are open to each other about everything and we allow each other to be ourselves."

Getting into arguments while living miles apart can be a difficult challenge, Iszory said.

"I like to deal with issues in person, and that's obviously not an option when we're so far apart," Iszory said. "My advice if you get into arguments over the phone would be to hang up and cool down for a couple minutes, and then call each other back and try to resolve the argument."

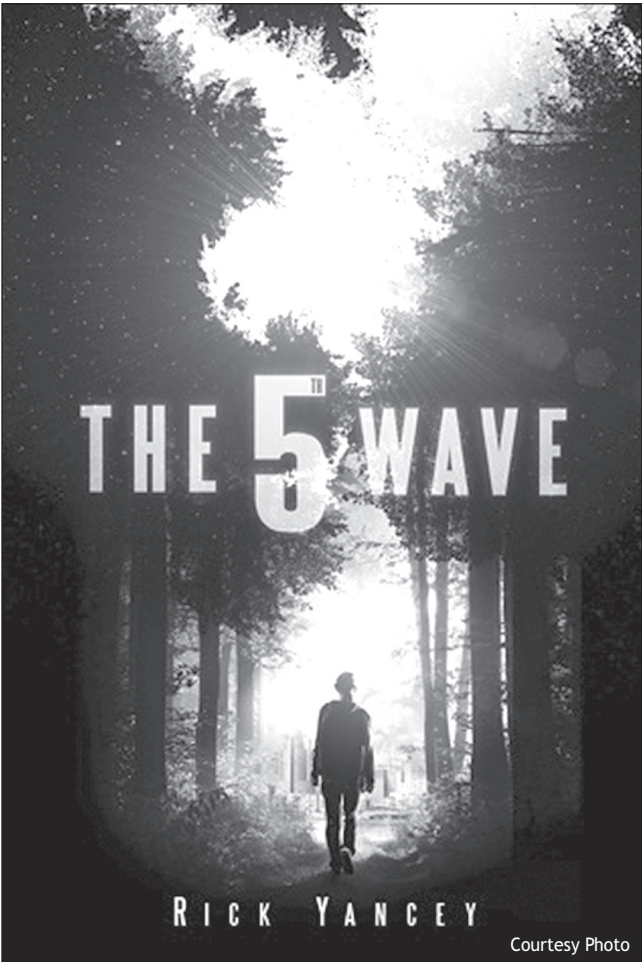
Although living apart from a partner for any length of time can be a challenge, there are many tools available to help partners connect across a state, nation or country. Living apart can even

help a relationship grow stronger, Iszory said.

"We've been together for two years, and it is difficult not seeing each other every day, but it's always so exciting to see him when I get the chance, and it really has made us stronger," Iszory said.

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Strong lead character, aliens add thrill to sci-fi novel "The 5th Wave"



The 5th Wave
★★★★☆
Book review by Jeana Lawrence

If you watched "The Host" and felt thoroughly dissatisfied with aliens in general, you should probably give the genre another shot with Rick Yancey's new book "The 5th Wave."

In "The 5th Wave," a race of

aliens, called the "others," has landed on Earth and, in the span of six months, managed to wipe out nearly 97 percent of the Earth's population through a series of "waves," or basically really crappy situations that caused the destruction of the human race.

The first wave was an electromagnetic pulse that shut off all electricity and anything that ran on batteries. Gone were the smartphones.

The second wave was a massive tsunami that ate up most of the coastal regions, forcing people to congregate at the center of the continents.

The third wave was a flu-like virus that wiped out almost everyone else who was left. It caused the infected to bleed from all their pores until they essentially burst like a bubble.

Finally, the fourth wave was made up of aliens who were implanted into human bodies, almost like "The Host." They then started killing humans. Adding to the confusion, the humans did not know they were aliens in human bodies, so they started to believe they could trust no one.

It is in this world that Cassie Sullivan finds herself. She used to be the typical girl next door, the not-very-pretty girl who gets passed over by the handsome jock in school. However, when the aliens arrive, everything changes. Cassie loses her mother to the infection, her father dies at the hands of an alien, and her brother is taken away from her. While searching for her brother, she encounters the handsome but mysterious Evan Walker.

Right now, it almost sounds like the average teen novel, and for some parts of the book, it is. One of the main focuses is centered on unrequited teen love which, to me, sounds very boring. It's been done before, i.e., Stephanie Meyers.

But Yancy puts a new spin on the love story that Meyers never really explores as much. He mainly focuses on what makes us human and how humanity can be so fragile and yet so strong. He does this in a number of ways including through Cassie as she questions whether or not she is the last human and how she

can represent what humanity means, even though it is probably dead.

Another way he develops the love story better is through one of her love interests, Ben Parish. Ben used to be the popular jock that Cassie obsessively crushed over before the arrival of the aliens, but is being converted into the perfect soldier. That is a part of

the 5th wave. The aliens take children, who are easily impressionable, and make them believe that any other human they see outside of their military training camp is an alien disguised as a human. Ben struggles with the concept that only the strong survive and questions who gets to decide who is strong and who is weak. Another character who

questions the meaning/purpose of humanity is actually an alien, Evan Walker. Evan was invaded by an alien when he was baby and designed to kill humans. To the aliens, humans are pests that need to be eradicated so that the aliens can use the planet as

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Social media “news” inferior to hard journalism



Chris Powell

It has become abundantly clear that we rely too much on information that is not trustworthy. Take a look at the past couple of weeks and you will see that, as a society, we need to right the ship.

First the Twitter hoax. On April 23, the hacked Associated Press Twitter account sent out erroneous tweets saying that President Obama had been injured in explosions at the White House. The stock market in New York was immediately affected as the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 150 points before Twitter suspended the account. The market came back afterwards once it was clear that there was no attack, but those who use automated stock trades saw losses or gains because they can trade within milliseconds of fluctuations in the exchange.

Second is the accusation and eventual suicide of Sunil Tripathi, a 22-year-old Brown University student, who Reddit users accused of being the Boston Marathon Bomber after starting a large-scale crowd-sourced effort to find the person responsible for the incident.

Hours after Reddit users named him the suspect that had been arrested by Boston police, a dozen news vans camped outside the family's home in Radnor, Penn. The family received threats while the man in question, Tripathi, had been missing for almost a month. His body was found in a river near his apartment a week after the incident and many ridiculed Reddit users for his demise, despite the fact that his sister said the note he left when he went missing had suicidal intent and that he had depression before. The whole story is wrought with a lack of journalistic integrity.

Social media has now become my generation's way of finding out

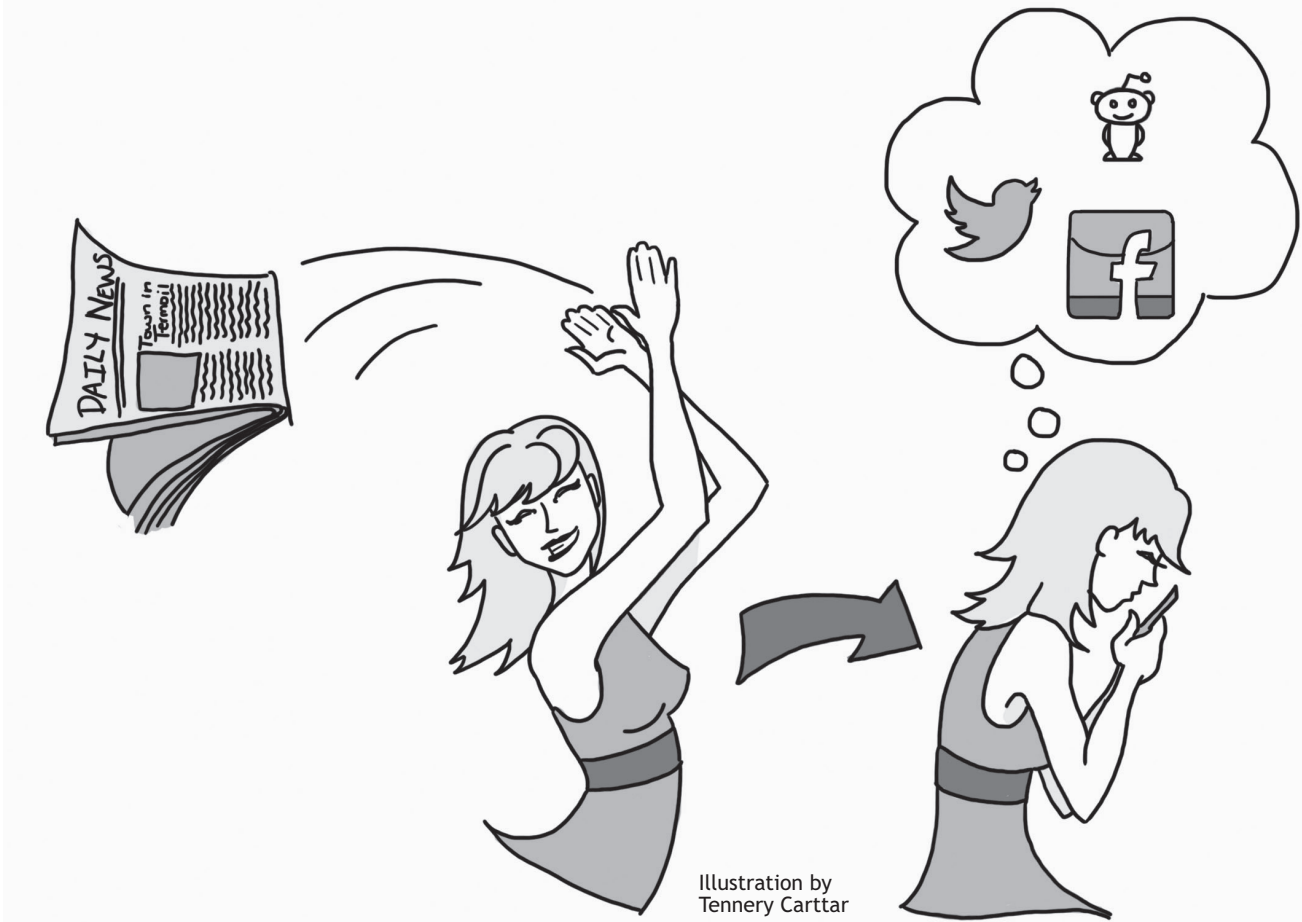


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news. Facebook is worth billions of dollars because so many people use it, while newspapers and local television affiliates are having to be creative to find ways to make money in a fight to survive. Glenn Beck is a product of 'entertainment journalism', as his views are polarized to drive up ratings and thus advertisements. The company with whom he gained his fame, Fox News, is owned by Rupert Murdoch, famous for his views about 'giving the people what they want.'

What is being lost is true journalism — the investigative Bob Woodward, whose enterprise journalism exposed the president of the United States as a 'crook.' The funding for this type of journalist is being cut

left and right because it takes time to cultivate sources and conduct the type of investigative journalism that this country needs.

There is a problem when U.S. citizens choose to not be involved. Our political process demands informed citizens to make choices about senators and congressman, as well as the executive office. Social media uses what your peers choose to promote or tweet to decide what you see, and unless you happen to be a professional journalist whose friends are all newspaper editors, you will not be getting the news you need to be reading.

This is why we have editors. Being an editor includes making editorial decisions because readers need to

know what matters to their community, and papers should be smart enough not to allow a story about a potential Boston bombing suspect to run without fact-checking it first.

Try using a 21st century newspaper application on your mobile device if you cannot stand the traditional newspaper. Flipboard is a program that chooses news stories based on what you like to read. That way, you can be an informed citizen and enjoy the presentation style you are more accustomed to.

Or you can pick up the New York Times today and read world class journalism. Last week they ran a story about how the U.S. government was hiding its knowledge of a former Mexican military official

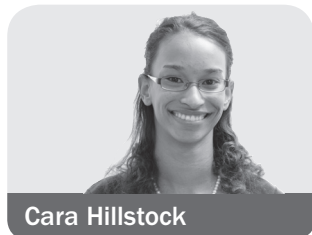
because they didn't want to hurt relations between the U.S. and Mexico. The person was disavowed after helping the U.S. fight Mexican drug cartels.

How do you feel about that? Hopefully you finished the article before you decided to form your own opinion on the subject, because our country hinges on it.

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Graduate-level English literature theory, criticism should be more accessible



Cara Hillstock

There is no good reason that people who have majored in English should feel incapable of speaking the English language. Yet, it is not uncommon to hear graduate-level English students say that reading graduate-level literature essays is like trying to understand a foreign language. A large part of earning a graduate degree in English begins with wading through this familiar, yet foreign territory.

This is a problem. Literary criticism and literary theory are generally discussed entirely in academic lingo — in this foreign language that people who speak regular old English can't understand. But literary criticism has a large and important role to play in our society — one that shouldn't be sidelined just because we feel a need to be more "official."

Consider the beginning of a paragraph I was given in one of my English classes as a sample of graduate level literature, taken from David Eng's "The Feeling of Kinship: Queer Lib-

eralism and the Racialization of Intimacy." Within the novel in question, the main character looks up and sees himself reflected in a window. Standing next to this window is a man to whom the main character is attracted. The essay has this to say about that image:

"This space and time of non-mimetic racial identity is radically other to the standard poststructuralist understandings of the mirror stage as a narcissistic self-other dialect, which underpins the fracturing of Western subjectivity and consciousness."

Please, take a few minutes to reread this sentence. Again. And again. What the heck is it trying to say? I mean, I thought I knew these words. I thought we were friends.

Your average Joe Schmo is not going to be able to casually enlighten himself on this subject as he stands in line waiting for his Jimmy John's. Which is a real shame, because this essay has a lot to say about oppression, colonialism, queerness, race and society — all topics that need to be discussed.

Some people believe that English literature deserves

to be this complicated. Why should the humanities be prevented from having super-specific academic lingo that only specialists know how to use? Specialists in math, science

and engineering get to use this lingo, so why not English? Well... because these are the humanities!

You don't have to be an expert in the field to understand

that the humanities are a large part of the framework of how we interpret and interact with the world around us. Being able to view the world through different lenses and criticize ideas presented to you (whether by mass media or your homies) is an integral part of being a functioning human being. The humanities have arguably the most power to make a direct impact on the way our society is run.

I understand the need to feel important and to feel as though your academic pursuits are justified, especially considering how the humanities are typically looked down upon as somehow lesser and of little value to society ("What are you going to do with an English degree?").

However, creating a lingo that you need to be specifically educated in to be able to communicate your ideas does not present your academia as a subject that knows its own importance. In fact, it kinda seems like it's missing the point.

What was the original reason these essays were written? To contribute a valuable idea to society — an idea that others could take, consider, contribute to or criticize, and maybe even use to learn something about

the world around them. But what the heck is the point of starting this discussion if no one but the people sitting ominously atop their thrones are allowed to contribute to it?

I don't disrespect the importance of or amount of work that goes into this kind of literature. The work that is done and the amount of effort that goes into organizing and presenting it is remarkable, and it has its place. But the ideas that are presented deserve to be discussed. What is the point of introducing ideas that can affect society if you're going to disdain the huge portion of society that didn't have the money or time to get a degree in English?

There is no reason that we should feel the need to justify the academic importance of the humanities because their importance is in everything around us, from the words we use to name objects, to the histories that we tell, to the signs we see when walking down the street.

We should feel the need to be communicating this knowledge to everyone, not barring the gates because, sorry, you need to be this educated to pass.

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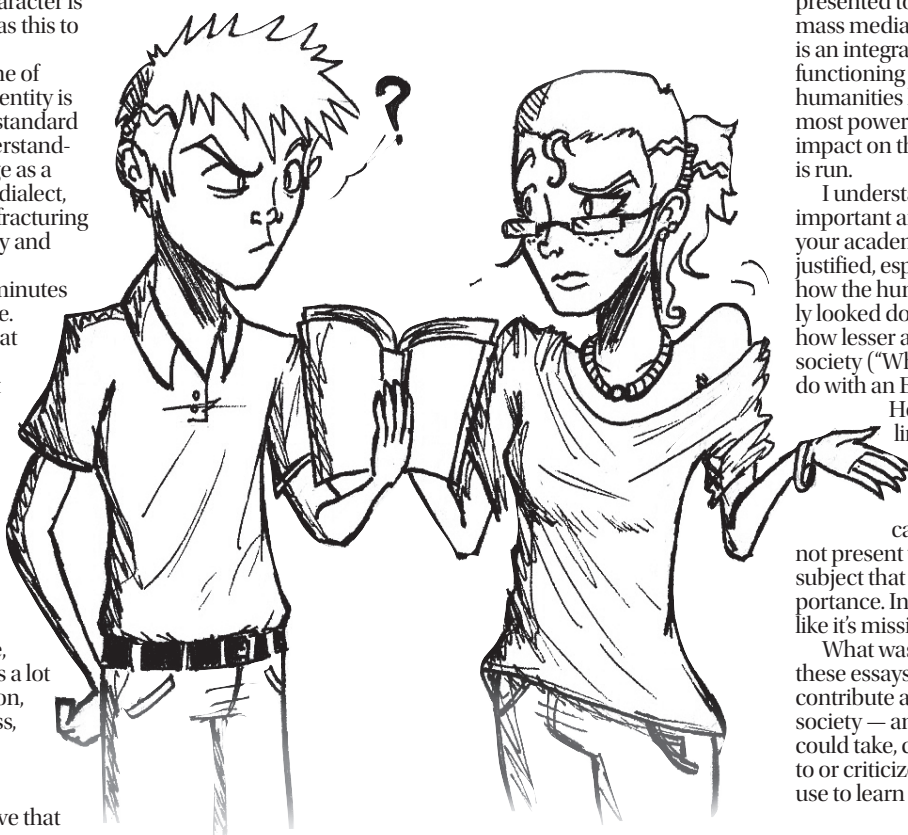


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Professor urges students to fight budget cuts

One good sign of the recent student vote to expand the K-State Union with added fees was its demonstration that students recognized the value of a common good, even if it didn't benefit them directly. These days, with slash-and-burn spending cuts on needs, that's an accomplishment. When The Collegian first announced the plan, however, no one seemed

to connect this to the story next to it on the same page, about the massive legislative cuts to our universities now about to happen unless there's public outcry.

I'm wondering if students were given a real choice — to expand the Union or to protect higher ed and the international reputation of their degrees — if three quarters of the students

would have still voted to add \$160 to their four-year tab just for the Union. Most students are sadly unaware of the state's long-term reduction of its contribution — seven percent less in 2011 alone — requiring them to pay more to take up the slack.

Perhaps its time for a real student movement to stop and reverse this destructive trend by the state. Students stepped

forward long ago to "Save Our Castle" from legislative plans to tear down Nichols Hall. And they did it again more recently by combining a fee for Rec expansion with one for the library. The state should be paying more, not less, and students should tell their representatives this.

Don Hedrick
Professor of English

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student praises article tackling tough subject

Dear Collegian,

Thank you for publishing the essay "Christian Ideals Can Contribute to Acceptance of Domestic Violence" by Charlotte Graham and the accompanying illustration by Parker Wilhelm. I don't think the verb "force" in the sentence "These basic beliefs force a practicing Christian to make excuses for their abusers," is accurate, but

other than that, I thought it was a very brave and thoughtful essay. I am very proud of the Collegian for its willingness to publish a wide range of sincere commentary, even if that commentary may be challenging or unwelcome to some members of the University community.

Sincerely,
Joshua McGinn

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Exposure to loud music major factor of increased youth hearing loss

Marcella Brooks
staff writer

Eat your vegetables, play outside and turn down those headphones: most young people have probably heard these life tips from at least one adult before. Now, parents everywhere can take a collective sigh of relief because, once again, they have science on their side.

“Any kind of acoustic signal...It doesn’t matter what category the signal is, once it reaches a certain intensity level, it can produce permanent hearing loss or permanent damage to your ear.”

Robert Garcia
assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders

A study by Colorado University found that teens tend play their music louder than adults and are largely unaware of the dangerous auditory levels to which they are exposing themselves. The researchers then went on to explore the strong correlation between extended exposure to loud volumes and hearing loss.

Though the emergence of iPods and MP3 players is the largest contributing factor to the growing percentage of hearing loss among youths, any heavy noise can damage hearing, according to the study.

“Any kind of acoustic signal...It doesn’t matter what category the signal is, once it reaches a certain intensity level, it can produce permanent hearing loss or permanent damage to your ear,” said Robert Garcia, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders.

Researchers have found that hearing loss is large-



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According to a study, nearly 55 percent of college students play their music devices at “very loud” levels, above 85 decibels. One K-State professor recommends lowering the volume, taking 10-15 minute breaks while listening to music, and wearing earplugs when doing anything loud.

ly ignored by the collegiate community. In a study by the University of Southern Mississippi, researchers found that nearly 55 percent of college students set their portable personal music devices (PPMD) to the ‘very loud’ setting — a classification of any volume that exceeds 85 decibels.

“I think our generation will mostly be deaf one day, to be honest, and for some reason I’m not really worried about it,”

said Kristy Johnson, junior in architecture.

Garcia said he recognizes that probably no college student is going to stop listening to his/her iPod, so he suggests that the volume stay at a reasonable level — something that people can figure out on their own.

“If you have to shout over something to be heard, then it’s loud enough to damage your ears,” Garcia said

Garcia said that earplugs should be used if one is regularly exposing himself or herself to loud noises. Ethan Wagner, junior in music education and member of the K-State drumline, can attest to the effects of not using earplugs.

“If I don’t wear earplugs, my ears ring, and everything sounds muffled for a while,” Wagner said.

That ‘ringing’ is a sign of

temporary and possibly permanent hearing damage caused by exposure to loud noise.

If one simply cannot live without loud music, Garcia recommends that the music be turned off for at least 10-15 minutes per hour to give ears a break and allow the brain to recalibrate.

“As soon as you turn something off and then you turn it back on, the brain automati-

cally recalibrates to the new loudness,” Garcia said.

Over time, the ear readjusts to a new standard of what is considered ‘loud’ — aka hearing loss.

“iPods are here to stay, and everybody loves to listen to their music. You just have to be aware that it’s very easy to get it at a level that’s too loud. It’s just a matter of, if you do turn it up, to periodically turn it down a little bit,” Garcia said.

PROTEST | Cuts too steep for many

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“We can’t afford these cuts,” he said. “It’s a hole we’ll never recover from.”

He pointed to the condition of K-State’s buildings as evidence that universities need more state funding.

“These buildings are falling apart. Every time it rains, it drips. There are people in the summer working in buildings that are 150 degrees,” he said.

Lisa Ochs, state president of the American Federation of Teachers, said protesters sought “to shine a light on what Kansas state legislators are doing with the American Legislative Exchange Council.”

The Council is a conservative organization that produces model legislation for legislators to use in their states.

“Their meetings are made to benefit corporations, and they are done in privacy,” Ochs said.

Specifically, Ochs pointed to proposed cuts to the income tax.

She also objected to the proposed elimination of Kansas’ civil service system. Ochs said “the system provides important protections for state employees.”

If it were cut, said Ochs, state employees would no longer be able to appeal in the face of termination.

“The legislators apparently didn’t understand that by doing that, they would risk losing federal dollars,” Ochs said.

Garrett Love, Majority Whip of the Kansas Senate, disagreed with the protesters.

“We had one of the highest income tax rates in the

country before I was elected in 2010,” Love said. “We also had been losing tens of thousands of private sector jobs. In order to have strong colleges, schools and roads, we can’t have a deteriorating private sector.”

Love said that a lower tax burden bolsters economic growth.

“It’s also important to have a strong economy so that college graduates, which I was just three years ago, can find jobs,” Love said.

Ochs encouraged all Kansans to get involved in state politics.

“The purpose behind the rally is that we want everyday citizens to become involved in the democratic process,” Ochs said. “For a people’s government to work, the people have to be involved.”

SKC | Crowd cheers for Kei Kamara

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soaring over the goal’s crossbar, missing his team’s last PK and handing Sporting the win.

Unfortunately for the sold-out stadium of Sporting KC fans and a Sporting KC team that pushed until the last minute, that celebratory atmosphere of last year’s win over Seattle didn’t follow last night’s game.

Off of a Seattle throw-in, the ball flew into Sporting’s 18-yard-box. Sporting defender Aurelien Collin tried to clear the ball away from his goal, however his attempt ended up a wiff, and Traore gained control to send the ball right past Nielsen.

While the missed clear from Collin and the missed save from Nielsen ultimately caused the loss, the mistakes

began just before the throw in. It all started when Collin passed the ball through the middle of the field instead of clearing it to the top. The pass was intercepted by the Sounder’s midfield and the play ultimately wound up as that final minute throw-in.

“It was a monumental mistake as we came out of the box to play that ball square,” Sporting KC coach Peter Vermes said about Collin’s decision to pass the ball through the center. “At that point we had C.J. and Kei up front, and that ball needs to be played forward; it’s unacceptable to play that ball to where it was played. It was a monumental mistake on our part.”

While the final outcome wasn’t quite what Sporting fans hoped for, in minute 73, when Kei Kamara was

subbed into the game after spending four months on lease to the English Premire League’s Norwich City, the already loud stadium erupted with cheers.

“It was unbelievable,” Nielsen said about the fans’ reaction to Kamara entering the game. “What a welcome. It just says what a fantastic crowd [we have]. We’re excited to have Kei back.”

Sporting KC travels to Houston this weekend to take on the Houston Dynamo at BBVA Compass Stadium on Sunday, May 12 at 7 p.m.

“As well as we played the first half, that’s how bad we played the second half,” said Graham Zusi, Sporting midfielder, as his final thoughts on the game. “Passing was off, touches were off – just a poor second half.”

BOOK | Good read, despite romance

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they see fit. However, when he meets Cassie, his perspective changes. His struggle consists mainly of thoughts about what constitutes being human. Can aliens in human bodies, who feel human emotions, have humanity too?

Besides posing these questions and more, the book is fast-paced and hard to put down. The only flaw that I saw was that there was too much romance going on between Cassie and

Evan. For a significant part of the book, Cassie is essentially holed up with Evan while waiting out a winter blizzard and recovering from a leg wound. There’s nothing really happening here except that Cassie is repeating the same arguments over and over in her head: is Evan an alien or not? If he is, then why didn’t he kill me?

The readers already know the answer, and it seems that Cassie arrives at the same conclusion really slowly. This could be because she doesn’t want to know the answer, but more likely it’s

because Yancy is developing other plot points at the same time.

Overall, the book was an enjoyable read, receiving four out of five stars. Already, the a film adaptation is being considered, according to a USA Today book review. This is only the first book in what is going to be a trilogy.

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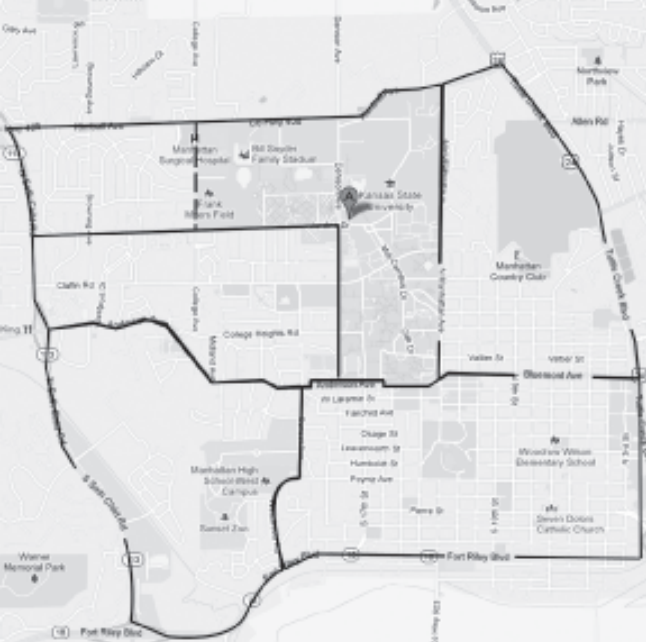
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Proper handling can reduce risk of food borne illnesses

David Mejia-Zaccaro
staff writer

For students cooking for themselves, the risks of getting a food borne illness, typically caused by bacteria such as staphylococcus or E. coli, is a real potential threat. According to the U.S. National Library of Medicine, "food poisoning occurs when you swallow food or water that contains bacteria, parasites, viruses or toxins made by these germs." Last year, approximately 50 million people got food poisoning.

"The primary of food poisoning is how food is handled. The primary way contamination might happen is when it's picked and when it's packaged," said Vincent Amanor-Boadu, associate professor in agricultural economics. "Fresh produce, for example, has many possible ways to be polluted in many errors that could happen."

One key to avoiding food borne illnesses is by getting educated about safe food-handling practices.

Juan Troche, freshman in agricultural economics, had what he believes to be a case of food poisoning last semester, something that could have been prevented with knowledge, he said.

"If I would have known the most basic stuff about how to prevent this madness I would not have gotten sick. Never put raw meat and cooked meat on the same shelf. Something called 'cross-contamination' happens and somehow makes you sick," Troche said.

Many unsafe practices can cause food to become contaminated. If meat touches a surface with intestinal bacteria, that meat can become tainted with fecal matter. If the water used during the growing or shipping of produce had particles of human or animal waste, the product can also be unsafe.

To ensure food borne illnesses do not occur, safe kitchen practices should be followed. Proper hand washing



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Proper food handling techniques that can prevent people from getting sick include handwashing before, during and after cooking, keeping cooked and raw foods separate and ensuring that all surfaces and utensils food comes into contact with have been thoroughly cleaned.

before, during and after cooking or cleaning is important. Keep raw and cooked meats separate, including not touching both with utensils, plates and hands. Always clean surfaces that have touched raw food before placing other food onto those surfaces.

When cooking meat, heating it to the proper temperature can ensure bacteria is eliminated. Cook beef to at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit, poultry to at least 180 degrees

Fahrenheit and fish to at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Consuming raw or undercooked products can increase the risk of food poisoning.

Ciro Segovia, graduate in marketing, said he is always careful when handling and cooking raw meat.

"I really always make sure to wash knives that I used to cut raw food. I also stayed away from the medium-rare steaks I love so much because I would rather not get sick" Segovia

said.

Even if people avoid cross contamination and clean their surfaces, there is still a risk for food borne illnesses, Amanor-Boadu said.

"You might have the human factor when the person that's picking and/or later packing, it might introduce contaminants if not following proper procedure," Amanor-Boadu said. "Sometimes it's not the human's fault. You have birds, deer, squirrels running around

the farm introducing pathogens. This means that for fresh produce, you need to put the critical control point at the packaging point to ensure best results."

Although some food-borne bacteria can be present even if all preventative measures are taken, people can take precautions to reduce their risks, Amanor-Boadu said.

"When you bring a product home, you need to handle it right," he said. "People some-

times leave products at the car in hot summer days, and these might be good conditions for pathogens."

Even the way people shop can help reduce the risk of food poisoning, Amanor-Boadu said.

"Another way to minimize the problem is the sequence of shopping. The last things you pick up should be dairy and meat. So you start with dry ingredients, leaving fresh food last," he said.

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